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SUBJECT: DISCUSSION WITH WHO SECRETARIAT ON COMMISSION TO
VISIT ISRAELI-OCCUPIED TERRITORIES

REFERENCE: GENEVA 2782 -

1. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
ON THE STATUS OF THE TACTIC SUGGESTED BY FEDELE (GENEVA
2782) FOR DEALING WITH ARAB-ISRAELI PROBLEMS AT WHA.
SPECIFICALLY, WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHETHER ORGANIZATION
IS ACTIVELY PURSUING THIS APPROACH OR WHETHER IT IS
FEDELE'S PERSONAL SUGGESTION. FOR EXAMPLE, DOES WHO HAVE
SOME INDICATION THAT SENEGAL WOULD TAKE THE TYPE OF
INITIATIVE SUGGESTED, HOW THE SUGGESTED AD HOC GROUP WOULD
OVERCOME THE ISRAELI OBJECTIONS TO ADMITTING THE THREE-
MEMBER SPECIAL COMMISSION; I.E., IS IT PROPOSED THAT THE
MEMBERS OF THE AD HOC GROUP BE CHOSEN ONLY FROM COUNTRIES
WHICH HAVE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL?

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2. DEPARTMENT HAS HAD EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN FROM NGO

COMMUNITY IN NEW YORK WHICH HAD HEARD REPORT THAT THERE WOULD BE A MOVE TO EXPEL ISRAEL FROM THE WHO. DEPARTMENT POINTED OUT THAT EXPULSION NOT REALLY THE ISSUE IN WHO, BUT THAT SERVICES TO OR VOTE OF ISRAEL COULD BE LIMITED, AND THAT WHILE WE HAD NO INDICATION OF ANY SPECIFIC MOVE AS YET, WE WERE MONITORING THE SITUATION VERY CAREFULLY.

3. IN ADDITION TO CLARIFICATIONS REQUESTED ABOVE, DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE CURRENT READING OF MISSION ON ATMOSPHERE AMONG WHO SECRETARIAT AND DELEGATIONS. AS WE APPROACH WHA AND IF IT APPEARS LIKELY THAT THERE WILL BE AN ATTEMPT TO IMPOSE ARTICLE 7 SANCTIONS ON ISRAEL, DEPARTMENT MUST BE IN POSITION TO APPROACH CONGRESS AND OTHER INTERESTED GROUP ON BASIS MOST ACCURATE ESTIMATES OF SITUATION. WE WOULD OF COURSE ALSO APPRECIATE LEARNING OF RESULTS OF MAHLER'S TRIP TO ALGIERS WHEN THEY ARE KNOWN. KISSINGER

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